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**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS ALREADY PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	20	21	1 (Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	1	1	-XXX (Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				x ½	
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In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

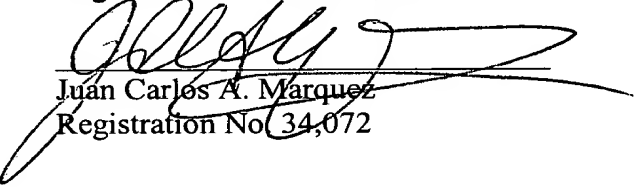
- [ x ] Response to Office Action  
(with Claim Amendments)
- [ ] Substitute Specification
- [ ] Preliminary Amendment
- [ ] Request for Continued Examination

- [ x ] Petition for Extension of Time (1 month)
- [ ] Terminal Disclaimer
- [ ] Letter to Draftsperson
- [ ] Assignment
- [ ] Petition under \_\_\_\_\_

- [ ] Please charge my **Deposit Account Number** \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fees for \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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